

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information processing apparatus and method is disclosed by which processes relating to recording and displaying of use history information of an IC card can be performed suitably and safely. A CPU activates an application and changes over its mode from an off mode to a polling mode, in which it controls a reader device to detect a contactless IC card positioned near to the reader device. In response to detection of the contactless IC card, the CPU enters into a balance display mode, in which it displays balance information of the contactless IC card for a predetermined period of time. Then, in response to an instruction of a user, the CPU enters a history display-storage mode, in which it displays or stores history information of the contactless IC card into a database. Further, in response to another instruction of the user in the polling mode, the CPU enters into a history deletion mode, in which deletion of history information is performed. The invention can be applied to a PDA.